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LAW ENFORCEMENT

The need for cameras on police uniforms debated



Zane Woodford
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Halifax Regional Police officers could be getting video cameras on their uniforms.

Insp. James Butler made a presentation to the city's board of police commissioners Monday on whether the force should equip officers with body-worn cameras.

"This is a very complex issue," Butler told the board. "It's not just a piece of technology, it's not just a piece of gear."

Butler said his research is looking at technical requirements, training, governance, and privacy and disclosure issues.

He outlined three main reasons

police forces in Canada decide to use body-worn cameras: To instill public confidence in a police force, to modify the behaviour of police officers and the public, and to collect evidence.

"Considering the three main themes and focus points for body-worn cameras, are these big enough issues that we should go down this road?"

Chief Jean-Michel Blais isn't convinced.

"This is not like Ferguson, Missouri, where they had a specific problem; this is not like Chicago, where they had a specific problem; this is not even like Toronto, where they had a specific problem," he said after the meeting.

Blais said he does believe body cameras would lead to behavioural changes in officers and citizens — at least in the short-term — but contends the cameras are not a "panacea."

"There's this expectation that it's going to solve all the problems,



All it's going to provide is one level of oversight.

Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais

that it's going to level the playing field so that everybody treats one another with respect, and that in the event that there's a major incident, it's going to provide the answer," he said.

Butler said he hopes to table the report with his recommendation to the chief in four to six weeks, and Blais said he hopes to bring that report to the board — which will ultimately make the decision — early this summer.

As for when you might be staring back at a body-worn camera during a traffic stop, that's still years away. Blais said trials likely wouldn't be possible till fiscal 2017-18.



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Taxi drivers upset new airport licences awarded randomly

TRANSPORTATION

Operators ask HIAA to enact system based on seniority



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

About 150 taxi or limo drivers and operators are fighting how recent Halifax airport licences were awarded, calling the system “unfair.”

On Jan. 4, the Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA) drew eight people to receive licences from a pool of roughly 37, who had been narrowed down using various criteria from about 45 that applied, airport spokesman Peter Spurway said Monday.

“It’s just black and white. It’s wrong, completely wrong,” driver Irfan Bayraktar said Thursday.

Bayraktar said he’s been driving at the airport for nine years and doesn’t have his own airport licence yet, so like roughly 35 others, he pays an operator to pick up passengers at the airport with their car.

Only those who are awarded an airport licence can pick up at the terminal and use the taxi stand as part of the HIAA car service, which has



Taxis line up at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Monday. **About 150 drivers are calling the lottery to obtain one of eight airport licences “unfair” because it doesn’t take length of service or experience into account.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

roughly 180 licensed operators, Spurway said.

But Bayraktar said many of those operators rent their cars to drivers who pay around \$350 a week to work long, 16-hour days in the hopes of getting their own licence based on seniority — not a draw.

“How would you feel if



How would you feel if you were at Tim Hortons at the line for 10 minutes and somebody comes from the back of the line?

Irfan Bayraktar, taxi driver

you were at Tim Hortons at the line for 10 minutes and somebody comes from the

back of the line, jumps in front of you? Are you going to say something or not?”

Bayraktar said.

Although Bayraktar said the operator representatives on the HIAA car service advisory committee had no problem with the eight licences, it is unfair to see some go to people who had been driving for less than a year at the airport, or already had one.

They filed a grievance with

\$1,100
Taxi and limousine operators pay **\$1,100 annually for a licence**, in addition to \$2 every time drivers pass through an entry gate.

150 signatures of car owners, drivers and operators to the HIAA declaring the draw “unjust and unfair labour practice,” Bayraktar said, and urge the authority to declare the draw null and void, instead handing out the licences based on seniority.

Spurway said the HIAA understands the driver’s frustration, but the issue comes down to a disagreement on the licensing procedure, and seniority was never the “standard procedure” since licences usually only become available every few years.

“We used criteria that we felt were fair and reasonable; they were explained to them, they disagreed. We bear the responsibility so we went forward with the process,” Spurway said.

Spurway said the HIAA will sit down with the car service committee later this week to see if there are any compromises that can be reached, but the eight licences are going ahead.

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Friends enjoy a skate on the Emera Oval on Monday afternoon. **The city reports that attendance is at the same high levels as last year, when 140,000 people used the rink.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

Same thrills, fewer chills at Oval

RECREATION

New building provides warm space as well as extra offerings



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

The season just started, but it looks like attendance at the Emera Oval will be at least as busy as last year, when more than 140,000 people used the

free skating facility.

"It may vary from day to day but the initial attendance that we saw within the first three weeks of it being open was very consistent with last season," said HRM spokeswoman Tiffany Chase.

"It really attracts a lot of people and it's a unique facility too. We're pleased with the level of attendance and we do our best to get those people through the lines as quickly as possible for the skate and helmet borrowing."

On Monday, city officials celebrated a ribbon cutting at

the recently opened Pavilion building.

"It was very clear from the beginning that Halifax loved their Oval, and what we kept hearing from residents is 'We want more.' And look how far we've come today," Mayor Mike Savage said prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



It was very clear from the beginning that Halifax loved their Oval, and what we kept hearing from residents is 'We want more.' Mayor Mike Savage

"A new building, washrooms, a place to warm up, free skates, helmets and now snowshoe rentals, and all right in the heart of our city."

Merin Muhammad Ali was one of many skaters on hand for the official ribbon cutting. She moved to Halifax from India last May and said the new

building is a welcome addition to a facility that is helping her learn to love winter.

"Because it is my first winter it is great to have a heated room instead of trailers outside where I can put on my skates and it is also really great to have indoor bathrooms," Ali said.

The oval's popularity has resulted in long lineups during peak skate times for those waiting to borrow free skates and helmets.

A piece of advice from regular oval users? If you have your own skates, bring them along so you can enjoy more ice time.

+ SNOWSHOES

Oval offers free rentals

Visitors to the oval can now enjoy free snowshoe rentals.

Spokeswoman Tiffany Chase said snowshoes can be picked up at the Pavilion.

Chase said they've proven quite popular with those who make use of them on the Commons.

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IN BRIEF

Board approves proposal for police budget

The board of police commissioners approved the Halifax Regional Police proposed budget for 2016-17 at its meeting Monday.

The force is asking for almost \$500,000 less than last year, based largely on their airport contract and expected retirements.

The \$76.6 million budget proposal will now head to Halifax regional council for review, and then back to the board of police commissioners for final approval. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

SECURITY

Halifax Regional Police closer to patrolling airport



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

More details have emerged about the contract between Halifax Regional Police and the Halifax International Airport Authority for security at the Stanfield International Airport.

At a meeting of the board of police commissioners Monday, the force tabled its proposed 2016-17 budget, including \$1,778,900 for increased

costs due to the contract, offset by the same amount in cost recovery.

After the in-camera portion of its meeting last week, Halifax regional council voted to approve a contract with the airport authority "for the provision of on-site uniformed armed policing services with Halifax Regional Police for a five-year term on a cost recovery basis" and to delegate to Chief Jean-Michel Blais the authority to finalize the contract.

Airport spokesperson Peter

Spurway said in December the contract requires police to provide an "armed response to (the airport's) primary security line" within five minutes, and to have a drug-sniffing dog on site.

Because the contract isn't yet finalized, the figure in the force's budget is a one-year estimate based on the cost of equipment, and the number of officers required to provide that level of airport security.

Deputy Chief Bill Moore said the new contract won't make money for the muni-

\$1.7 million

Estimated annual cost of Halifax Regional Police providing security services at Stanfield International Airport. Deputy Chief Bill Moore said there would be 14 officers deployed to the airport. The RCMP, which currently holds the contract, has 10 to 12 officers on-site there. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

cipality, but there are other benefits.

"It gives officers an ability to do something a little bit different; we obtained training and background in a different type of policing, it gives our officers the ability to transfer and do another business, and at the end of the day there are benefits back from the HRM perspective," he said.

The main benefit is being able to hire 14 new officers to replace those going to the airport at a savings of about \$600,000.



William Sandeson, charged with first-degree murder in the death of fellow Dalhousie University student Taylor Samson, is escorted from Nova Scotia provincial court on Sept. 2, 2015.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Preliminary hearing set in murder case

WILLIAM SANDESON

Witness count still not clear ahead of Feb. 8 start date

The preliminary inquiry for a 23-year-old medical student charged with the murder of a fellow Dalhousie University student is scheduled to begin Feb. 8 in Halifax.

However, it's still not clear how many witnesses will be called to testify.

William Sandeson, who appeared at what is known as a focus hearing Monday via

video link, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of 22-year-old Taylor Samson, whose body has not been found.

Crown prosecutor Susan MacKay told the court that defence lawyer Eugene Tan submitted a revised list of desired witnesses late Friday, but she can't fully commit to calling all of them as she prepares to present her case.

Judge Anne Derrick ruled that the preliminary inquiry will proceed as scheduled, instructed the Crown to keep the defence informed on who it plans to call, and advised Tan to issue subpoenas to witnesses he wants to testify.

The charge against Sandeson was laid Aug. 20, four days after Samson was reported missing in Halifax.

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Taylor Samson CONTRIBUTED

INVESTIGATION

Officer could face disciplinary action

The Serious Incident Response Team is referring the case of a Halifax police officer back to the force for possible disciplinary action.

The recommendation from the independent investigative agency comes after it looked into an incident last July involving the arrest of a 33-year-old man in Dartmouth.

Investigators say there was no evidence the officer used excessive force, but it found he did not have a warrant to enter the apartment.

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LOWER SACKVILLE

Man charged after dispute, shooting

Halifax police have charged a Lower Sackville man with attempted murder after shots were fired at a vehicle and the people inside on Sunday night.

Police say 18-year-old Cody Thomas MacLellan was arrested "a short distance away" from the 3300 block of Federal Avenue in Halifax, where a dispute outside resulted in the shooting.

The shooting took place just before 5 p.m., police said. Forensic investigators, including a police dog, were on scene for several hours.

Police found the vehicle that

THE TARGET

The victim, a 49-year-old, is known to the accused, but police are providing no other details, including any possible motive.

was shot at, and said nobody was injured in the incident.

On Monday, police said MacLellan had been charged with attempted murder, careless use of a firearm and other weapons related offences.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

GLACE BAY

Trial in woman's death begins

It was a gruesome discovery but one that solved a two-year-old mystery and resulted in a Glace Bay man being charged with second-degree murder.

Glace Bay resident Eric MacPhee and his niece were pulling rabbit snares on Nov. 21, 2008, just off a trail leading to the former Number 11 coal mine in Glace Bay, when his niece hollered out she had found bones.

In getting a closer look at the discovery, MacPhee said he could make out a backbone, some ribs and a skull.

Police were alerted and testing later confirmed the skeletal remains to be those of Brett Elizabeth McKinnon, 19, who had been reporting missing in July 2006.

MacPhee's recollections of the incident were brought forth Monday when he was called to testify at the trial for Thomas Ted Barrett, 40, of Glace Bay, who is charged with second-degree murder in connection with McKinnon's death.

MacPhee said the remains were found face down and there was no evidence of a carpet, rug or bed sheet in or around the body.

He was one of six witnesses



Thomas Ted Barrett METRO FILE

to take the stand in the opening day of Barrett's trial.

Also testifying was Chantel Frison who shared an apartment with McKinnon and her former boyfriend, Travis Tower.

Frison said the couple would argue frequently and Tower was continually accusing his girlfriend of cheating on him.

She last saw McKinnon at the apartment when Tower called her and they got into

DETAILS

The Crown is represented by Kathryn Pentz and Diane McGrath while Brian Bailey is representing Barrett. The judge-alone trial is presided over by Supreme Court Justice Robin Gogan.

another argument. Frison said hours later when Tower called again, she went looking for McKinnon but she was not in the apartment. Frison said all McKinnon's belongings were still in the apartment.

Two weeks later, Tower moved back to Ontario and McKinnon's mother, Lynn Singleton, came to retrieve her daughter's belongings.

Singleton testified her daughter had a miscarriage in June 2006 and that after getting over the initial shock of such an occurrence, expressed relief because she wasn't ready to be a mother.

She also said McKinnon and Tower did argue a lot and she was suspicious that her daughter and Tower were doing illegal drugs. TC MEDIA

REVIEW

Police accused of erasing video of youth's arrest

The Serious Incident Response Team is launching an investigation into allegations that Halifax police erased a video made during the arrest of a 17-year-old

youth in late November.

Investigators are looking into a complaint that officers deleted a video of the arrest that had been recorded by a third person on their phone.

The young man was stay-

ing at the Reigh Allen Centre, a group home for teenagers in Halifax.

The police review agency says it is looking into whether the incident was a potential obstruction of justice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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iTunes launch puts app developer in the spotlight

SOFTWARE

Halifax man 'excited' about potential of Hyperspektiv



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax developer who joined forces with an internationally renowned Los Angeles-based techno band is excited about Tuesday's iTunes store launch of what he calls their revolutionary app.

"I'm pretty excited about it because it doesn't exist right now," Allan Lavell said Monday. "There's really nothing like it. There are other apps that are in the space but there's not a lot going on that really pushes these boundaries."

The "reality distortion iPhone app" called Hyperspektiv is the result of a collaboration between Halifax-based Lavell and Glitch Mob band member Justin Boreta. The two met online in 2014 after Lavell captured the band's attention by tweeting one of their tour photos at them using his Glitch Wizard app.

That app, launched in 2014, had more than 4,000 downloads during its first month on the iTunes store.

"I remember he (Boreta) tweeted at us and I thought, 'Wow this famous guy is using my Glitch Wizard app,' and we started messaging ... I talked to him about potential collaborations and he was interested," Lavell recalled.

"We decided to meet up in early 2015 ... We had breakfast,



Allan Lavell, 26, expects good things from Tuesday's iTunes store launch of Hyperspektiv. The Halifax app developer created the app in collaboration with internationally renowned techno band Glitch Mob. CONTRIBUTED

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Launch price

Hyperspektiv launches Tuesday. The special launch price will be \$1.99, before it increases to \$2.99. The app can be downloaded via the iTunes app store or by visiting hyperspektiv.com online.

we got along, and Hyperspektiv was kind of born from that

There are other apps that are in the space but there's not a lot going on that really pushes these boundaries. Allan Lavell

meeting."

Lavell describes Hyperspektiv as an app that allows users to apply effects to their videos as they're shooting them in real time.

"There's a difference between shooting a video and then adding effects versus shooting a video and adding

effects as it happens," he explained. "With Hyperspektiv what you see is what you get. It's happening in real time."

A private beta launch with a wide range of users took place ahead of Tuesday's Hyperspektiv official iTunes store kickoff.

Lavell said artists, DJs, the general public, and even fashion

designers are interested in the app. He described it as a "turning point" in his career.

"Anyone can shoot a photo and throw an Instagram filter on it but everything kind of starts to look the same after a while," he said.

"I feel there's an application for Hyperspektiv for people who want to push the boundaries of what they're doing artistically in a photo shoot kind of thing. We've had interest from artists like Joshua Davis, one of the first artists to use programs to generate art."

ALBERTA OILSANDS

N.S. man in critical condition after blast

A Nova Scotia man injured in an explosion at an oilsands plant near Fort McMurray remained in critical condition in hospital over the weekend as family members on both sides of the country prayed for his recovery.

Dave Williams, a native of Scotchtown and a journeyman millwright at the Nexen Long Lake Project, was critically injured in an explosion at the upgrader facility Friday. He and another worker, who died in the explosion, were conducting maintenance in a building that's part of the upgrader's hydrocracker at the time, according to company officials.

His cousin Kelly MacEachern, a resident of Scotchtown, said Sunday that Williams remains in critical condition in the burn unit at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton.

"He has really bad, third-degree burns," she said. "He's in an induced coma and he's also on life support."

MacEachern said Williams' immediate family, which includes his parents and three brothers, is at his side.

MacEachern said friends and community members have been sending their thoughts and prayers to Williams and his family on both sides of the country, and she hopes they will continue to do so.

"We're asking for many prayers and positive vibes to be sent his way," she said, noting her 28-year-old cousin is a strong young man. "He's a fighter."

MacEachern said while Williams has been living and working out West for several years, he loves getting home for vacations and was in Cape Breton for Christmas just weeks ago.

"He always has a smile on his face and he's the nicest guy you'd ever meet," she said. "He's a hard worker."

The Nexen Long Lake facility remained shut down Monday while investigators examine the cause of the explosion, according to Ron Bailey, the company's senior vice-president of Canadian operations.

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A sign at Nexen Energy's Long Lake facility near Fort McMurray, Alta. METRO FILE

SAFETY

Boy keeps fire hydrants clear of snow

When 10-year-old Nash Reid Bancroft heard the village wanted people to adopt fire hydrants, he took it seriously.

Following a recent storm, he spent part of his snow day clearing the area around two hydrants on his street.

Nash's mother, Jolene Reid, told him about the adopt-a-hydrant program, which is being promoted on the sign outside of the village hall and in the newsletter.

"When she told me, I thought we should do it —

+ HYDRANTS

Visible from street

Residents are encouraged to ensure nearby fire hydrants are visible from the street and, if possible, clear any snow within a one-metre area.

because if we didn't and somebody's house caught on fire, the firefighters wouldn't be

able to find the hydrant," he said. "I think other people should do it, too. It's not a lot of work."

Nash helps with clearing the decks and driveway at home. When he was living in another area he used to sneak over to help shovel a driveway for elderly neighbours. He plans to help keep the nearby hydrants on Hillcrest Avenue snow-free and hopes others will join in the effort.

Although more snow just brings more work, he realizes

moving it can be good exercise and he likes being outside, particularly when there are no wasps around.

When he's not clearing snow Nash likes to spend some of his free time playing trombone or, in the summer, playing soccer and golf.

The Village of Bible Hill values the efforts of Nash and others following his example. When hydrants are hidden by snow, firefighters can lose valuable time locating them and shoveling them clear. TC MEDIA



Nash Reid Bancroft understands the importance of keeping snow away from fire hydrants. TC MEDIA

120-year-old's birthday wish

MILESTONE

One of oldest persons alive yearning to meet Trudeau

Cicilia Laurent is a woman who has lived in three centuries, from before the discovery of human flight to Haiti's devastating earthquake in the new millennium.

To mark her birth on Jan. 31, 1896 — something that, if verified, would make her the second-oldest person ever — Madame Laurent would like nothing more than to meet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"Will he come see me?" she asked last weekend. "I would be so happy. Before I die I would be so happy to meet him. I'm waiting and you can let me know if it's going to happen."

If the Liberal leader's audience is anything like Torstar News Service's recent visit with her, she will offer Trudeau, his wife and children lots of prayers for their health and wealth. He will also undoubtedly be invited to recite scripture, following Laurent's devout evangelical lead.

She will hold his hands, touch his face, laugh and share her contagious optimism in a tough-to-decipher Haitian Cr  ole, translated into French by



1 Cicilia Laurent at home in Laval, Que. Born in Haiti on January 31, 1896, Cicilia will turn 120 years old this year.

2 Cicilia and her great-grandson, Christian. 3 A photo of Cicilia when she was a young 112 years old.

one of her children or grandchildren.

But one special request is certain. The woman who could pass for the matriarch of humanity would like special permission for her beloved grandsons in Haiti, Patrick and Joel, to come see her in Canada, possibly for the last time.

"You don't know how important they are for her," says Laurent's grandson, Ronald Cherri.

It is an achingly real wish in Laurent's dwindling world. One in which it is becoming harder to hear, harder to see and harder to recall what happened 10 years ago, 30 years ago or even a century ago.

The other ache is in her legs. After nearly six years in the country, they still flare up in the frigid winters, she said.

"I love Canada but it's the cold that I don't like. It's a great country."

Laval, just north of Montreal,



3 A photo of Cicilia when she was a young 112 years old.

has been home for Laurent since shortly after the deadly 2010 earthquake in Haiti. All around her, she recalled, houses crumbled and were flattened. Many neighbours and friends died.

So who is Cicilia Laurent? According to a 2005 document provided to Torstar News Service that is known as a late declaration of birth, she was born 120 years ago on Jan. 31 to Erzulie Laurent in the village of Pestel, about 300 kilometres west of Port-au-Prince.

Cherri, her grandson, said Laurent gave birth to 12 children, six of whom survived

childbirth. Three are still alive. Her eldest daughter, from a first marriage, died a few years ago at the age of about 96, Cherri said.

She says her secret is keeping an even keel, eating well and having faith in God.

But the proof of her extraordinary birth date is not solid enough for her to assume her title as the world's oldest living person, a crown currently worn by New York's Susannah Mushatt Jones, who has been verified by the Guinness World Records as being born on July 6, 1899, making her 116 years old.

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OTTAWA

Sing us a song, Sophie

The audience for Martin Luther King Day at Ottawa City Hall got an unexpected bonus Monday when Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau offered an impromptu a cappella rendition of a song she wrote for her daughter.

The prime minister's wife was a guest speaker at the city's annual Martin Luther King Day event, but decided to go beyond simple remarks.

In a video clip posted on various media sites, Gregoire-Trudeau said she was inspired by singers earlier in the program and wanted to offer something of her own.

"It's not planned, trust me," she said.

"I am going to sing you a song that I wrote for my daughter Ella-Grace at a moment when I was going through a difficult time and where I remind myself of all the hope that there is in one's life and all the hope that there is in life."

She launched unaccompanied into the song, titled "Smile Back at Me." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau
SCRENGRAB/YOUTUBE



I don't argue with anyone. I never get angry. I never fight. And I'm a Christian, so if someone is sick I pray for them.

Cicilia Laurent

IN BRIEF

Housing bottlenecks halt acceptance of refugees

Vancouver and Ottawa, are taking a break from accepting any more government-assisted Syrian refugees as agencies in both cities try to work through housing bottlenecks. A surge of arrivals in the last month filled temporary housing to capacity.

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Mulcair looking to future

Tom Mulcair found himself fending off questions about his political future Monday ahead of his party's two-day caucus retreat in Montebello, Que. Mulcair insisted he remains fully motivated as leader, even though the memory of last October's devastating election result is still fresh in his memory.

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ECONOMY

'Infrastructure' will help crisis: Morneau

As bad economic news rattles nerves on stock markets and in the oil patch, the rookie Liberal government is determined to project a stay-the-course approach.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau said he recognized there are "challenges" but suggested, like Prime Minister Justin Trudeau did last week, that the Liberal election platform was crafted with a sluggish economy in mind. He did not directly answer when questioned as to whether anything at all had changed, given few foresaw oil prices at \$29 a barrel, where it closed Friday.

The only concession Morneau made to any changed economic realities or forecasts was to suggest the government is casting



Finance Minister Bill Morneau
THE CANADIAN PRESS

about for infrastructure projects that will be more than simply patching roads, and to move those out more quickly.

"Our goal is to find the infrastructure projects that we believe will enhance the long-run productive capacity of the country." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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AFGHANISTAN

Nations ask Taliban to rejoin peace talks

Representatives from four countries gathered in Kabul on Monday to call on the Taliban to resume peace talks with the Afghan government.

Senior officials from Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the United States met for most of the day at the Presidential Palace amid tight security, a week after a first round of discussions in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad.

In a joint statement released by the Afghan Foreign Ministry, they said the talks "made progress on a road map toward initiating peace talks with Taliban groups. It said they hope to bring the two sides together for talks "aimed at reduction of violence and establishing lasting peace in Afghanistan and



The first step is to formulate a road map.

Abdul Hakim Mujahid of Kabul's High Peace Council

the region."

The four-nation group "called on all Taliban groups to enter into early talks with the Afghan government," and agreed to meet again in Islamabad on Feb. 6. The insurgents are not represented at the talks.

An official close to the process said that another two "preparatory" meetings are expected to take place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCIENCE

New NASA satellite to track rise of sea level

NASA has launched a satellite into orbit that it says will be able to measure the rise in sea level across 95 per cent of the Earth's ice-free oceans and help scientists predict extreme weather events linked to global warming.

The Jason-3 satellite was launched aboard a rocket in California on Sunday and it will be fully operational after a six-month testing phase, the U.S. space agency said in a statement.

Joining its predecessor, Jason-2, launched in 2008, the satellite will track the height of the sea level, the speed and direction of ocean currents and tides, and collect information about solar energy stored in

the ocean.

They will help climate specialists forecast the strength of extreme weather events, such as tropical cyclones, NASA said.

Jason Thistlethwaite, an assistant professor of business and environment at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, said the rise in sea level is "the greatest physical and economic threat from climate change."

"Reducing our uncertainty around the impacts of sea-level rise and extreme ocean weather will go a long way to reducing our vulnerability to the economic and social impacts of extreme events on our coastlines," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



A young girl wades in the water where a kitchen once stood, as rising sea levels push into the waters of Senegal's Saloum Delta. JANE HAHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Germany: Sexual-assault suspect in custody

A 26-year-old Algerian man has become the first person arrested in connection with a string of sexual assaults during New Year's celebrations in Cologne that sparked a debate about Germany's ability to integrate migrants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

French president declares economic emergency

French President Francois Hollande pledged Monday to redefine France's business model and declared "a state of economic and social emergency," unveiling a \$2.2-billion US plan to catch up to the global economy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



BURKINA FASO BUSINESSES REOPEN AMID BEEFED-UP SECURITY

A soldier stands guard outside the Splendid Hotel in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on Monday. In the wake of a weekend attack that killed up to 32 people, security was beefed up across the capital city as businesses and banks reopened. The nation also announced a joint effort with neighboring Mali in the fight against Islamic extremists in the West African region. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British parliament polarized on Trump

EUROPE

MPs slam U.S. presidential hopeful; most opposed to ban

Donald Trump doesn't have many fans in Britain's Parliament.

But a debate among lawmakers on calls to ban Trump from the country revealed little appetite to close Britain's doors to the provocative Republican U.S. presidential contender.

During a three-hour debate Monday, legislators from Britain's main parties stood to call

Trump an attention-seeker, a demagogue and a fool. Many, though, argued that he should not be stifled or banned.

"While I think this man is crazy, while I think this man has no valid points to make, I will not be the one to silence his voice," said Conservative lawmaker Tom Tugendhat.

Parliament took up the topic after half a million people signed a petition calling for Trump to be excluded over his call for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the U.S. in the wake of extremist violence. Trump has also claimed that some areas of Britain are so radicalized that police fear for their lives.



Donald Trump is a fool. He is free to be a fool. He is not free to be a dangerous fool on our shores.

Jack Dromey, Labour Party member of parliament

Labour Party legislator Paul Flynn, who opened the session, said Trump had already received "far too much attention."

"The great danger by attacking this one man is that we can fix on him a halo of victimhood" and boost his popularity among supporters, Flynn said.

Prime Minister David Cameron has condemned Trump's remarks about Muslims as "divisive, stupid and wrong," but he and other senior officials have

said they do not think Trump should be banned.

The government has the power to deny entry to people with criminal convictions or those whose presence is considered not "conducive to the public good." The power has been used against figures as diverse as boxer Mike Tyson, rapper Tyler the Creator, radical Muslim preachers and the late Christian fundamentalist Fred Phelps Sr. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIAN REFUGEES

UN agency chief seeks mass resettlement

The new chief of the UN refugee agency said Monday the world should find a fairer formula for sharing the burden of Syria's crisis, including taking in tens of thousands of refugees from overwhelmed regional host nations.

Filippo Grandi, who assumed his post earlier this month, heads an agency grappling with mounting challenges as Syria's five-year-old civil war drags on. Humanitarian aid lags more and more behind growing global needs, including those caused by the Syrian conflict.

More than 4 million Syrians

have fled their homeland, the bulk living in increasingly difficult conditions in neighbouring countries such as Jordan and Lebanon, while hundreds of thousands have flooded into Europe.

Grandi came to Jordan after a stop in Turkey. Later this week, he is due in Lebanon. He visited the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan after meeting with King Abdullah II in the capital, Amman.

His agency, UNHCR, hopes to raise money for refugees at a London pledging confer-

ence in February, followed by an international gathering in March in Geneva where countries would commit to taking in more refugees.

"I think we need to be much more ambitious" about resettling refugees, Grandi said.

"What is needed is a better sharing of responsibilities internationally," he said.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees entered Europe in 2015, often with the help of smugglers who ferried them across the Mediterranean in dangerous voyages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This Syrian girl was among the refugees who met the new UN agency chief on Monday. RAAD ADAYLEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jeans, beer costlier than oil

ENERGY

Crude at near 12-year low on fears Iran will open floodgate

Just how cheap is oil these days?

Not only does a standard steel drum barrel cost more than three times the 42 gallons of crude that could go in it, the actual lid now costs more, too.

"Yeah, that's interesting — and cute too," said Avery Shenfeld, chief economist at CIBC World Markets, with a chuckle.

In fact lots of everyday items, from pizza to Levi's to a two-four cost more than 'black gold' these days, thanks to the tanking Brent crude price, which dipped below \$28 US a barrel in London Monday.

Oil traded near 12-year lows after the lifting of international sanctions on Iran paved the way for increased supply amid a global glut, Bloomberg News reports.

Iran is beginning efforts to boost output and exports by 500,000 barrels a day now that restrictions have ended, Amir Hossein Zamaninia, deputy oil minister for commerce and international affairs, said Sunday.

"Clearly, what is happening is that markets are continuing to be quite anxious about the possibility that we will see Iran bring back quite a bit of oil," said Bart Melek, the head of commodity strategy at TD Securities in Toronto. "This probably is a little quicker than

BY THE NUMBERS | Things that cost more than a \$28 US (about \$40.76) barrel of crude



people thought."

Iran, which was OPEC's second-biggest producer before sanctions were intensified in 2012, is trying to regain its lost market share and doesn't intend to pressure prices, officials from its petroleum ministry and national oil company said this month.

Shenfeld said that prices for raw materials are much more volatile than manufactured items, so when a commodity plunges the way oil has over the last year, the effect

Markets are continuing to be quite anxious ... that we will see Iran bring back quite a bit of oil.

Bart Melek

is far more pronounced. It's lost 21 per cent of its value this month alone.

"Oil has fallen a long way, so it makes sense" that it can now be compared to restaurant food and clothing, he said.

The veteran economist noted the price per barrel of crude was roughly comparable to everyday items in the '80s, too.

(The steel drum that is frequently seen to depict an oil barrel is actually a 55-gallon container, but it's not what is used to transport and deliver oil. Most is transported by pipeline or tanker. Today, a

barrel of oil is simply a measurement — not a description of a container.)

Meanwhile, gold is rebounding this year as China's economic slowdown triggered global market turmoil and sparked demand for haven assets. The old adage that an ounce of gold is roughly equal to the price of a nice men's suit holds true if you shop at Harry Rosen and favour Hugo Boss. Bullion is hovering just under \$1,100 US an ounce.

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SURVEY

Millennials clueless on RRSPs

Nearly a third of young Canadians admit they are "not at all knowledgeable" about retirement savings plans, according to a survey done for TD Bank.

The report also suggested that a large proportion of those aged 18 to 33 are uninformed about what registered retirement savings plans can and cannot be used for.

Only half knew that money in an RRSP could be used to help buy their first home, while just 28 per cent knew it could be used to help further their education later in life under the lifelong learning plan.

The survey also found that 64 per cent were unaware that RRSP savings could not be used to make a charitable donation and 60 per cent mistakenly believed that they could be used to pay childcare expenses.

"The interesting thing with millennials is they do prioritize retirement as important ... but often don't know how to get started or think their budget can accommodate it," said Linda MacKay, senior vice-president for personal savings and investing at TD Canada Trust. THE CANADIAN PRESS

52%

The percentage of young Canadians who incorrectly believe money in an RRSP could be used to finance a car and half wrongly thought it could be used to help buy a second home.

IN BRIEF

Richest 62 people own half the wealth: Oxfam

As the political and business elite head for this week's World Economic Forum in Davos, a report from Oxfam says just 62 people own half the world's wealth. That compares with 388 five years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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INVESTING

BMO first to launch robo-adviser service

The Bank of Montreal has launched an online portfolio manager, making it the first of the big five banks to wade into the "robo-adviser" business.

The service, dubbed SmartFolio, is available to all investors starting Monday.

Other large Canadian banks have hinted they're considering a foray into online investment advice. BMO elected to build the product in-house rather than partnering with a financial technology firm as some of the other banks are expected to do.

The launch of SmartFolio responds to concerns that

banks risk losing market share if young, tech-savvy millennials ditch traditional banking in favour of fintech startups that offer low-cost, online investment management services.

Typically, clients without enough assets to warrant hiring a full-service investment adviser have had few options besides mutual funds. Robo-advisers such as WealthSimple, NestWealth and WealthBar aim to fill that gap in the marketplace by providing a cost-effective investment option for such clients.

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metroview

Porn's lost its power to shock. That could save some money.

The ubiquity of online pornography has spawned an ironic turn of events.

To explain, take the case of the Barriere & District Chamber of Commerce, which found its website had become a porn hub earlier this month.

The chamber, set in a tourism and alfalfa-growing town of less than 2,000 in B.C.'s southern interior, had let the domain name barrierechamber.com lapse. It was then snapped up by Al Perkins, an apparent domain-name scalper who lives on an island off the coast of Normandy and looks for lapsed domains to exploit. He leased the domain to PornoLaba and asked for a reported \$9,700 from the chamber to get it back ("It's just pure business," he told the National Post). Otherwise, it would be all gagging, fantasy and college porn, all the time.

But the chamber, after a rejected \$500 counter-offer, did not die of shame. It just started another website.

So did White Rock realtor Jacquolynne Tomsin, when she found that her website had turned into a homepage for "Rude Space – the adults playground." According to a Peace Arch News report in 2013, Tomsin wouldn't give Perkins the \$1,000 he requested.

What this says to me is that Internet-pranksterdom and graphic online porn are now so common, we expect

home-buyers in White Rock or new businesses in Barriere to understand if they click a link and up pops a spanking fetish.

"Ah, just some more unwanted online pornography clickbait," they'll say.

According to estimates from the researchers behind A Billion Wicked Thoughts, a book about online sexuality and neuroscience, porn accounts for about four per cent of websites and 13 per cent of web searches.

And while buying up lapsed domains is a legitimate business, the strong-arm porn tactics for selling domains back to their original owners are looking increasingly weak.

Not only is porn's power to shock diminishing, it's also losing its aura as an untouchable force on the internet.

In a first in Canada, Manitobans can now sue people who distribute nude photos of them online against their will, under new legislation targeting child pornography and revenge porn that took effect yesterday. Dozens of U.S. states also have revenge porn laws. The rest of the country would do well to follow suit.

There's no need to feel held hostage by an opportunist with erotic tastes, and there's no reason to deny victims exploited via porno sites their due justice.

Porn might be ubiquitous, but we're not helpless.

THE BIG THING: THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Davos. Just the word evokes images of the world's biggest bigwigs, meeting on top of a secluded Swiss mountain, discussing the future of the world economy and comparing the size of their enormous piles of money. But the World Economic Forum is much more than that — it has a controversial history, and this year, Canada will be front and centre at the global gathering that is involved in everything from distributing children's immunizations to cooling down North Korea.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The World Economic Forum is an annual meeting of heads of state, business leaders and other movers and shakers — some of the richest and most influential people on Earth.

It's often referred to as "Davos," the name of the small resort community where it's held.

Canada is making a big investment in attending the conference in hopes of creating economic opportunities for the country.

The anti-capitalist protests and controversies that once surrounded Davos have eased.

The theme this year is the Fourth Industrial Revolution: How digital technology is transforming every aspect of life.

THE BIG NUMBER

5

That's the number of cabinet ministers who will be accompanying Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to Davos this year. It's seen by many as an investment of time and resources in marketing Canada's economy to the rest of the world at a time when one of its most lucrative industries — oil — is taking a nosedive steeper than any alpine peak.

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Calming down about capitalism

Massive crowds of anti-globalization protestors were once as common a sight at Davos as conservatively cut suits. In the 1990s and early 2000s, hundreds of thousands of people marched in Switzerland and cities around the world to draw attention to the social and environmental costs of the global free market. In 2003, fuelled in part by anger about the escalating Iraq war, demonstrations descended into riots in the Swiss city of Bern. In recent years the crowds have dwindled to a few hundred — and they aren't allowed anywhere near the conference.

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EXERCISE

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Learn how to make peace with your pelvis using a do-it-anywhere exercise called the Hippy Hangout. This movement multi-tasker is as efficient as it is effective. It liberates your hip flexors on one side, while bolstering the outer hip muscles on the other side.

1. Holding onto a wall or railing for support, stand sideways on a flight of stairs with one foot on a tread and the other foot dangling in space.

2. Taking care to level your hips, imagine your dangling leg attaches to your body just underneath the bottom ribs, rather than at the hip. Relax the leg and let it hang heavy.

3. Begin to passively sway the leg without using any real muscular effort. The movement should be slow and pendulous as if you were wearing a clog made of gold.

4. Hang out with gravity for 30 seconds, or until the outer hip of the standing leg fatigues.

5. Step down and feel the difference between your legs as you take a few exploratory steps.

6. Repeat on the other side.

Use the Hippy Hangout to improve pelvis stability, eradicate hip and low back pain and access your happy place.

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Stretch your yoga practice into daily life



+ ON THE GO

Work your core

This is a "tune-up" exercise to strengthen your core that you can do anywhere, even on public transit.

1. Sit or stand with good posture.
2. Inhale deeply to swell belly and chest. Retain the breath inside.
3. Against the resistance of the held breath, engage and pack in your core muscles to hug your spine from every possible angle. It'll feel like a blood pressure cuff tightening around your torso. If you feel your chest, belly, waist and low back with your hands, the tissues will be taut below the soft stuff at the surface. Fake a cough to engage the muscles further. This is your Totally Tubular Core.
4. Without releasing the awareness or muscular engagement, exhale and continue to breathe normally. Find the balance between full breaths and the cylindrical cushioning and support offered your spine.

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RESEARCH

Heart attacks deadly for those living on 15th floor or above

Cardiac arrests happen most often at home. Researchers knew that.

What they didn't know, until now, is this: If your home is a highrise, the higher your floor, the lower your chance of survival.

A new study published Monday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal examined five years of health data from the City of Toronto and Peel Regions — selected because of high population density.

Specifically, researchers wanted to see what effect “vertical delay” played on life and death when someone called 911 to report a cardiac arrest.

Can floor level actually determine a person's likelihood of survival?

The short, conclusive and alarming answer is yes.

Researchers examined nearly 8,000 cases of cardiac arrest between 2007 and 2012. Survival was 4.2 per cent for those living on the first or second floor.



The high risks of living in a highrise

They found those who lived between the third and 15th floors had a 2.6 per cent chance of surviving to hospital discharge.

Survival was “negligible” — less than one per cent — for those living on floor 15 or above.

There were 30 residents in the data that went into cardiac arrest on the 25th floor or above.

“They all died,” said Dr. Laurie Morrison, a scientist at St. Michael's Hospital and one of the study's authors.

Researchers studied the data to see if there were any particularly “toxic neighbourhoods” where residents were more likely to die of cardiac arrest.

But there were no conclusions to be drawn from geographic or socioeconomic factors.

“It doesn't matter whether you're poor, middle class or high class, it's just the vertical that makes a difference,” said Morrison, who is also director of Rescu — a group that studies out-of-hospital emergency health care.

When first responders arrive at a condo or apartment building, access barriers can delay the amount of time it takes them to reach a patient.

In some cases, the building is inaccessible from the outside or an elevator is unavailable.

Typically, there is no defibrillation device on scene to allow a bystander to help restart the resident's heart before emergency crews arrive.

Survival rates decrease seven to 10 per cent with every one-minute delay to defibrillation.

THE NUMBERS
There were 30 residents in the data who went into cardiac arrest on the 25th floor or above. They all died, the study author said.

“As more highrise buildings are built, in response to the demand for affordable

condominium and rental properties,” the study noted, “the negative impact on community survival may increase.”

The study suggests a few interventions that may increase survival rates in high-rise buildings.

Fire departments have a universal access key that gives them sole and immediate access to elevators but paramedics do not.

Expanding this access to paramedics, who may be first on scene, should be an easy fix, researchers say.

“Availability of a universal key seems like a simple intervention but it has remained unaddressed for decades,” the study reported.

The study also calls on landlords, property management companies and condo boards to consider purchasing automated external defibrillators for their buildings and training staff in their use.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

A heartbreaking, poetic farewell

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THE MOMENT: The poem scene

Jamie (Alan Rickman) died, but his widow Nina (Juliet Stevenson) mourned him so abjectly that he returned. Gradually he showed her that living with a ghost wasn't living. Now he's saying goodbye.

“How's your Spanish?” he asks her. “There's a poem I want you to translate.” He begins to recite Pablo Neruda's *The Dead Woman*. She translates aloud.

“Forgive me, if you are not living,” she says. Recognition dawns in her eyes: “I know this poem,” she says.

He keeps reciting, she keeps translating. “If you, beloved, my love, if you have died/All the leaves will fall in my breast/My feet will want to march to where you are sleeping.” Here she interjects, “Your accent's terrible.” She moves to him. “My feet will want to march to where you are sleeping,” she repeats, her eyes locked on his. “But I shall go on living.”

“Do you want me to go?” he asks. “No!” she cries. “Never,



Alan Rickman delivered one of the most aching goodbyes in cinema. CONTRIBUTED

never.” They embrace.

After Rickman died last week, I called up this scene from his 1990 film, one of the most aching romantic goodbyes in moviedom. Only someone as clever — and probably British — as the late writer/director Anthony Minghella could base a throat-tightening farewell around poem translation (leavening it perfectly with that accent crack). And only

Rickman, with his delicious languor and panther-purr voice, could pull it off so swoonily.

Contained emotion was a Rickman specialty, but here he lets it spill over, giving us permission to weep with him. And for him. Rest in peace.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Trennt Michaud warms up before his junior men's short program performance Monday at the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Climbing to the top

FIGURE SKATING

World awaits standouts from nationals



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

For those hoping to reach the top of the figure skating world, this a major stop on the way to the peak.

The Canadian championships kicked off Monday with novice and junior programs, continue Friday and Saturday with senior programs and conclude Sunday with an exhibition gala at the Scotiabank

Centre right here in Halifax. "They've refined their program," Skate Canada communications manager Emma Bowie said Monday of the performance level expected at this point in the season.

"It will be executed with all those extra special little nuances," Bowie explained. "So then when they leave here and head to worlds in March, things are very, very polished."

The world championships are set for March 28 through April 3 in Boston.

But first comes this week's nationals featuring 250 skaters and some of the biggest Canadians in the sport.

That includes three-time world champion Patrick Chan,

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current world pairs champs Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford and reigning national champion Nam Nguyen to name just a few.

"It's a chance for the public to come out and see some of the best skaters in the world," Skate Canada high performance director Mike Slipchuk said Monday afternoon, while watching the junior men's short program from the stands.

"It's a good chance to see

some of the depth that we have, but also we have a lot of depth and a lot of skaters coming up," Slipchuk said. "We're going to have a lot of good competition."

Halifax is no stranger to hosting the skating world's cream of the crop.

The Canadian championships last came to town in 2007, held out of the then-Metro Centre, which also hosted the 1990 worlds.

Slipchuk himself remembers those worlds well. After all he placed 11th in the senior men's competition. Kurt Browning claimed the gold medal that year.

"Halifax is special to all of us," Slipchuk said. "It's always nice to come back out east."

Skate Canada sees positives for area

The Canadian figure skating championships are expected to have an economic impact of \$4 to \$5 million in the Halifax area.

That's the estimate from Skate Canada, the sport's national governing body.

This week's events at the Scotiabank Centre are also expected to have positive outcomes beyond economics.

"With an event like this, the next year, we'll see an increase in registration," Skate Nova Scotia and local organizing committee chairman Ross Ashbourne said Monday.

In addition to a projected uptick in competitive skaters across the province, more folks will likely step onto the ice for recreational purposes, Ashbourne added.

In fact, the learn-to-skate CanSkate program and the

Skate Canada schools program are both being held in Halifax this week to help encourage kids to give the sport a try.

For those more inclined to take in the excitement from the stands, Skate Canada communications manager Emma Bowie said tickets for the nationals are selling well but there are still plenty great seats left.

"The senior events (are) trending upwards. We're definitely over half sold, probably closer to around 60 per cent," she said Monday. "We're hoping to have a packed house by Saturday night."

The nationals provide an opportunity to see Canada's future Olympians in action, Bowie said.

"It's a chance to catch them now and cheer them on."

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

IN BRIEF

Delaney the difference as Canada tops South Korea

Ben Delaney scored the third-period winner as Canada shut out South Korea 2-0 on Monday at the world sledge hockey challenge in Bridgewater.

Dominic Larocque made eight saves in net for Canada (2-0), while Tyler McGregor added an empty-net goal.

Canada will face the United States on Wednesday in the final preliminary round game of the tournament.

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Kane named week's first star

Patrick Kane has been named the NHL first star of the week after his seven-point performance helped the surging Chicago Blackhawks extend their winning streak to 11 games.

Kane had four goals and three assists last week, including his first regular-season hat trick in a 4-1 win at Toronto on Friday.

He closed the week by recording one goal and one assist in a 5-2 win over Montreal on Sunday.

The Buffalo native leads the League in goals (29), assists (40). THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Scott unsure about all-star status

NHL

Fans' vote to make AHLer a captain leaves player baffled

If John Scott ends up playing in the NHL all-star game — or at least be a part of the festivities in some capacity — it won't "be a big deal," according to some Maple Leafs.

"To me, it's not a huge deal ... if fans voted him in and that's what the people want to see, then it is what it is," Leafs winger Joffrey Lupul said of Scott, who was voted a Western Conference captain via fan vote for the all-star weekend in Nashville at the end of this month.

With the Leafs practising Monday in preparation for their road game in Philadelphia, Scott's status for the all-star game remained unclear.

Scott's trade on Friday from Arizona to Montreal, and subsequent assignment to the minors, means the 33-year-old Edmonton native's status could hinge on some kind of special arrangement by a league that appears

to be unreceptive to his appearance in the game.

"I wish I had the answer," Scott told reporters over the weekend in St. John's, where he reported to the IceCaps — Montreal's AHL affiliate.

"I haven't really heard anything from the league or anything so I don't know what the position is or where anyone stands right now. It's kind of up in the air."

Lupul recognized that if the NHL decides on excluding Scott from the game, it would send a tough message to the fans. Scott was the benefactor of an online drive to get the six-foot-eight career enforcer into the game when his career stats — five goals, six assists, 542 penalty minutes in 285 NHL games — suggest he would otherwise be nowhere near the all-star game.

The NHL turned down Rory Fitzpatrick — a veteran minor-league who was voted into the 2007 all-star game — but still allows fans to vote up to 10 times

a day on virtually any player who is playing in the league. "I think, in the end, the NHL puts the game on for the fans," Lupul said.

The NHL has yet to decide Scott's all-star status, but there's a growing sense that the league could somehow include Scott in the all-star weekend to honour

the fan vote. That could come in a number of roles and it could be in an office capacity.

While the NHL has yet to comment on Scott's official status, talk has risen since the Scott trade that the league

is very sensitive to how the story is being portrayed.

"As players, we have no control over that, the owners and the GMs, they run the show and at the end of the day, this is a business," Leafs centre Nazem Kadri said. "If you look at it in another way, another all-star-type player in the West could take (Scott's) place."

Scott reportedly turned down a request by the league and the

"To me, it's not a huge deal ... if fans voted him in and that's what the people want to see, then it is what it is."

Joffrey Lupul on Scott's all-star game chances



John Scott was recently demoted to the St. John's Ice Caps by the Canadiens. GETTY IMAGES

Arizona Coyotes to forgo his selection. Other reports said the Canadiens "wanted no part of Scott" in the deal, while the Coyotes insisted on Scott being a part of the package. That left the suggestion the trade was, in part, consummated to remove Scott from the all-star equation.

Scott, whose wife, Danielle,

is pregnant with twins, is earning \$575,000 (U.S.) this season in the NHL, and less in the AHL. He stands to take home \$90,000 from the all-star game if the Western Conference wins the all-star 3-on-3 tourney.

Scott is also looking not only at an additional payday, but a last hurrah to his NHL career.

His future in pro hockey after this season could be narrowed to the AHL contract or playing overseas.

"Let's put it this way, he (Scott) could use the 90 grand more than (Alex) Ovechkin can use the 90 grand," Lupul said, shrugging his shoulders.

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Novak Djokovic began his Australian Open title defence with a win over Chung Hyeon on Monday. QUINN ROONEY/GETTY IMAGES

TENNIS

Djokovic weighs in on corruption allegations

Novak Djokovic recalled his own brush with match-fixing, as the start of the year's first Grand Slam tournament was overshadowed by corruption allegations.

Djokovic started his bid for a sixth Australian Open title with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over Chung Hyeon of South Korea on Monday, hours after the BBC and BuzzFeed News published reports alleging match-fixing had gone unchecked in tennis.

No players were identified in the reports, which alleged 16

players had been flagged repeatedly with tennis authorities but not sanctioned on suspicion of match fixing. Half of those are entered in the Australian Open, the reports said.

The governing bodies for the sport, and the Tennis Integrity Unit, issued a joint statement, read by ATP chairman Chris Kermode at a hastily-convened news conference at Melbourne Park. Kermode said tennis authorities "absolutely reject any suggestion that evidence of match-fixing has been suppressed for any reason,

"I was approached through people that were working with me at that time."

Novak Djokovic on his brush with match fixing

or isn't being investigated."

Djokovic later responded to a question about an approach

ahead of a tournament in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 2007.

"I was approached through people that were working with me at that time," he said. "Of course, we threw it (the approach) away right away. It didn't even get to me."

"In the last six, seven years, I haven't heard anything similar. It made me feel terrible because I don't want to be anyhow linked to this kind of — you know, somebody may call it an opportunity," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Bouchard into Aussie Open second round, Pospisil out

A resurgent Eugenie Bouchard continued her injury comeback with a straight sets win in first-round action at the Australian Open.

The 21-year-old from Westmount, Que. dispatched Serbia's Aleksandra Krunich 6-3, 6-4 in just over an hour, hitting 14 winners, along with 14 unforced errors.

On the men's side, Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil was eliminated by Gilles Simon, losing 7-6 (4), 3-6, 2-6, 4-6.

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Williams heads struggling Swans in right direction

Swansea moved out of the relegation zone following a slender 1-0 win over Watford in the English Premier League on Monday in front of newly-appointed head coach Francesco Guidolin.

Guidolin's arrival was confirmed by Swansea Monday and the 60-year-old was at the Liberty Stadium to see captain Ashley Williams head in the winner shortly before the half-hour mark. Guidolin will work alongside current interim manager Alan Curtis.

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Ronaldo says Real are in 'good spirits' under Zidane

Cristiano Ronaldo says Real Madrid has trained hard under new coach Zinedine Zidane and recovered its enthusiasm following the departure of Rafa Benitez.

Speaking after Sunday's 5-1 win over Sporting Gijon, Ronaldo says the results of "a week of hard work" are visible on the pitch, with the squad "in good spirits with Zidane."

Ronaldo, who scored twice, says Zidane "sees the game differently" to previous coach, Rafa Benitez.

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Cautious Panthers coach issues ban on hoverboards

Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera has banned hoverboards from the team's facility fearing players will get injured. Rivera says he recently caught a couple of players "drag racing" in the hallways of the stadium and wasn't thrilled.

Rivera says, "You see those things on YouTube blowing up and stuff? That is what concerns me." The Panthers (16-1) host the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday in the NFC championship.

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Weeknights at 6 Hannah counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day.

TOP SIX@6 LAST NIGHT:

- 6 Travis Scott Antidote
- 5 Twenty One Pilots Stressed Out
- 4 Shawn Mendes ft Camila Cabello I Know What You Did Last Summer
- 3 The Chainsmokers ft Rozes Roses
- 2 Fetty Wap ft Remy Boyz 679
- 1 Justin Bieber Love Yourself

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RECIPE White Bean and Sausage Cabbage Soup



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- Pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Directions

1. Pour olive oil into a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the sausages to the pot and allow them to brown all over. Remove from the pot and set aside on a clean plate.
2. Add onions and garlic to the pot and cook them just until they begin to soften. Toss in the cabbage and stir it around for a couple of minutes.
3. Add the beans, stock, bay leaves and thyme. Return the sausage to the pot and allow everything to come to a simmer. Cook for 20 minutes and check seasoning.
4. Serve with a sprinkling of Parmesan.

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Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

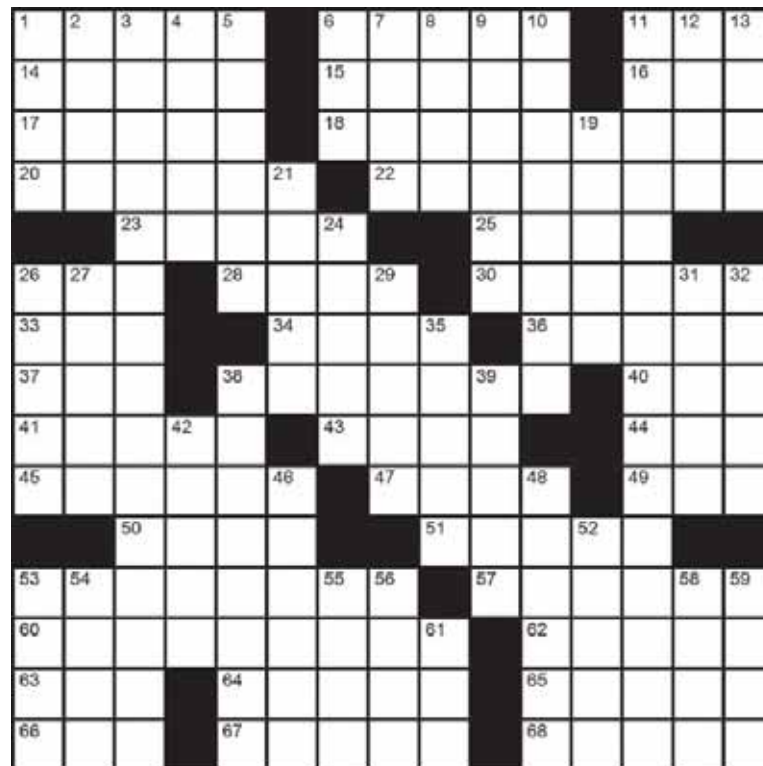
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 links of Italian sausage, sliced into bite-sized pieces
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 savory or green cabbage (about 4 or 5 cups), sliced very thinly
- 15 oz can cannellini beans
- 1 litre low-sodium chicken stock
- 2 bay leaves

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Desert 'trees'
6. Wheel-steady-ing wedge
11. Clamour
14. Oak ornament
15. Gawk
16. Singleton
17. Update a route
18. Director of "Rose-Marie" (1936) in which Nelson Eddy plays a Mountie, _ _ _ _ (b.1889 - d.1943)
20. Atomic Number 68
22. Country route: 2 wds.
23. Prefix with 'continental'
25. Skrillex/Diplo/Justin Bieber: "Where _ _ Now"
26. She-bird
28. Unappealing food
30. "A _ _ A-Tasket"
33. Hour: Italian
34. Jail money
36. Belonging to Sicily's volcano
37. Scoundrel
38. Gulf of St. Lawrence explorer Mr. Cartier
40. Lab eggs
41. R.E.M. singer Michael
43. Sweeties
44. Esthero's " _ _ in Need of a Musical Revolution"
45. James _ (Scotty's Canadian portrayer on "Star Trek")
47. Prefix meaning 'Outer'
49. #22-Across' answer has 2
50. El _ (Warm



ocean current)
51. Journalist Seymour
53. It lets you know who phoned without picking up the phone: 2 wds.
57. Based on the 1884 novel by Helen Hunt Jackson, this 1910

short stars Canadian actress Mary Pickford in the title role
60. _ _ house
62. Ancient water nymph
63. Tape a TV show [abbr.]
64. Archaeological finds in Egypt

65. Cemetery excavation
66. 'S' in NYSE, shortened
67. Internet message
68. TV awards

DOWN

1. Maintenance

2. Top-notch
3. Gym-goer's item for keeping gear secure: 2 wds.
4. Railroad sight
5. Enters data
6. Compass dir.
7. After mil. combat affliction
8. Mr. Shankar

9. Mount _ (Biblical peak for Noah)
10. Aristocracies
11. When responding to the officer... Card a celebrity might play to avoid a traffic ticket: 6 wds.
12. Jimmy Durante song: " _ Dinka Doo"
13. Require
19. Clothed, archaically
21. Peach _ (Type of dessert)
24. Big bug, briefly
26. _ _ oeuvre
27. Lyre-playing Muse
29. Stir, as curiosity
31. Having a roof overhang
32. Crowned heads, once
35. Sandwich time
38. Ms. MacDonald (Leading lady in #18-Across)
39. Compound in perfume
42. Mr. Collins'
46. We can't book you in, inn-style: 2 wds.
48. Grapefruit's pal
52. Feigned flat-tery
53. Midpoints [abbr.]
54. Use _ _ cloth... (Cleaning instruction)
55. " _ la Douce" (1963)
56. Ms. Mazar
60. Compass dir.
59. Fruity drinks
61. Fashionable monogram

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
No matter how ambitious and active you may be there are only 24 hours in a day and if you want to do more in one direction in the future you will have to do less in another.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a good time to make plans — and promise yourself that this time you will succeed. If you know what you want and believe in yourself there is precious little you cannot accomplish.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Do something positive. Cosmic activity will raise your spirits and make you believe that anything is possible. But while the planets may set the scene, it's up to you to play the part.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will find it easy to make the kind of difficult decisions that most people prefer to avoid. But you possess not just the ability to identify a problem but also the strength to do something about it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Take other people's opinions into account. If you make a genuine effort to cooperate, rather than to compete as you usually do, there is no telling how far you can go.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have to be sensible about what you do and how you do it. Focus on the two or three things that mean the most to you and put everything else on hold for a while.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart tomorrow. You'll accomplish more if you have a clear goal. Aim to do what others say cannot be done.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The longer you leave what has to be done the harder it will be to summon up the energy to get started. Also, pay attention to what partners and loved ones try to tell you today. Don't be too proud to act on their advice.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your luck will take a turn for the better, not least because your attitude is becoming more positive. If you enjoy meeting new people you will be in your element.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Over the past few weeks you've had a lot of ideas and started many new projects, but if you want to be successful you must focus your energies in a single direction.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The next few days mark not just the start of a new solar year for you but also the beginning of a major new phase. Forget everything that has gone before. The only thing that matters is what comes next.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If there is something you need to finish then get it done today, because when the Sun changes signs tomorrow your mind will be onto other things.

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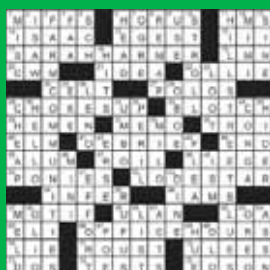


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